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Out Of State Vessel Dispatch Guidance

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All AMHS Vessel Employees

As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads, to minimize that spread into and through Alaska and protect the health and well-being of fellow crewmembers, contractors and the public, the Alaska Marine Highway System will impose additional measures on all crew dispatched to AMHS vessels who are coming from out of state.

Under the authority of the Governor's Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 and in compliance with Health Mandate 004 (Travel) issued March 17, 2020 and Health Mandate 007 (Fairbanks North Star Borough & Ketchikan Gateway Borough - Personal Care Services and Gatherings) issued March 20, 2020, and the recommendation of the March 21, 2020 Joint Ketchikan Mayoral Proclamation, that DOT&PF/AMHS is directing that any crew dispatched to Alaska Marine Highway vessels arriving from outside of Alaska shall self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival at the change port and before reporting for duty.

The employee is not permitted to report to the worksite during the time they are in self-quarantine. Time spent in self-quarantine will be paid as COVID Travel Leave, but any per diem expense will be the employees' responsibility. The employer retains the right to request documentation verifying proof of self-quarantine. Dispatched crew who choose not to accept the assignment due to the need to self-quarantine will not be subject to discipline for that action.

If during the period of an employee's self-quarantine, an employee is unable to continue due to illness, personal needs, or other factors, the employee is required to use accrued leave or leave from a union leave bank, in accordance with state policies, procedures, and any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Thank you

Captain Falvey